## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY JANUARY 27, 2014, 7:30 P.M. 301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, Larry Ruggiero, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, Mary White, Kevin Posey and James Lewis.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None were absent.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rich Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Traffic Studies Engineer, Christopher Spera, City Attorney, Hillary Poole, Complete Streets Coordinator, Kathleen Leonard, Public Information Officer and Chris Dowling, Traffic Engineer I.

- 1. <u>Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals</u>: There were no deferrals or withdrawals, but City Staff noted that item 10 would be switched with item 9 in the order of which the docket items would be presented during the public hearing.
- 2. <u>Approval of the November 25, 2013, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes</u>: Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2013, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES: Rich Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services, updated the Traffic and Parking Board on the King Street Bike Lanes proposal. Rich Baier and the City Attorney, Christopher Spera, informed the Traffic and Parking Board that during the February meeting the Board will make a recommendation to City Council to accept the proposal, deny the proposal, accept the proposal with changes, or offer no opinion. Mr. James Lewis made a request that City Staff provide a full account of the City's efforts to reach out to the community relating to the King Street Bike Lanes issue, including who from City Staff made the attempt to reach out.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- **4. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install "SCHOOL: SPEED LIMIT 15 WHEN FLASHING" signs in front of five schools:
  - Patrick Henry Elementary
  - Jefferson Houston Elementary
  - Cora Kelly Elementary
  - TC Williams High School
  - John Adams Elementary: Rayburn Avenue between Harding Avenue & N. Beauregard Street

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this issue.

**DISCUSSION:** Hillary Poole presented the item to the Board. The Board asked City Staff to look into making speed limits consistent through all school zones in the City.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler, to approve staff's recommendation. The vote carried unanimously.

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to make parking restrictions along 400-800 Washington Street consistent.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this issue.

**DISCUSSION:** Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. There was no discussion on this issue.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve Staff' recommendation. The vote carried unanimously.

**6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a stop sign for northbound Leslie Avenue at Alexandria Avenue.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this issue.

**DISCUSSION:** Hillary Poole presented the item to the Board. There was no discussion on this issue.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Ruggiero made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve Staff's recommendation. The vote carried unanimously.

**7. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to relocate Alexandria Police Department parking spaces from the unit block of King Street to the Strand, south of Wales Alley.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this issue.

**DISCUSSION:** Hillary Poole presented the item to the Board. The Board made comments about DASH wanting their designated parking locations in an area where they could see the trolleys, and whether or not having the Alexandria Police Department vehicles out of sight was better for the King Street and Union Street area. City Staff noted that both DASH and the APD were supportive of this issue.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve Staff's recommendation contingent on construction of the plaza at the foot of King Street. Mr. Posey, Mr. Cota, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. White voted aye, while Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ruggiero voted nay. The motion passed with 5 ayes to 2 nays.

**8. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove one, "3 Hour, 8A.M.-5P.M., Monday-Friday, except District 7," parking space, and install a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the north side of West Linden Street, 20 feet from the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this issue.

**DISCUSSION:** Bob Garbacz presented this item to the Board. There was no discussion on this issue.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to approve Staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. ISSUE: Consideration of an ordinance to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION) Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), Division 2 (CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, to:
  - 1. Remove the driver transfer provision; and,
  - 2. Change how grandfathered certificates are treated upon the certificate holder's departure from the Alexandria Taxicab industry.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Kyle Summers and Spencer Kimball of Yellow Cab spoke in favor of the request. Kenneth Bynum, Joyce Woodson, and Chand Dodhy spoke against the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Bob Garbacz presented the item to the board. Mr. Schuyler updated the Traffic and Parking Board on the Taxicab Taskforce.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Posey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cota, to approve Staff's recommendation. The voted carried unanimously.

**10. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a "No Parking" sign on the curb in between 3819 and 3817 Elbert Avenue.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Frances Garner and David Forbes spoke in favor of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board. There was no discussion on this issue.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Posey, to approve Staff's recommendation. The vote carried unanimously.